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In re Application of	:	<b>Attn: Mail Stop Amendment</b>
Tatsuo HARA et al.	:	Patent Art Unit: 2833
Serial No.: 10/578,144	:	Examiner Vit W Miska
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For: TIMEPIECE AND SPRING THEREOF	:	

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated on April 8, 2008, submitted herewith are:

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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION / RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the April 8, 2008 Restriction Requirement, Applicants submit a complete set of claims with the status of each claim indicated with an appropriate identifier in a parenthetical expression.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page two (2) of this paper. Claims 1-23 are pending, with claim 1 and 20 being the only independent claim.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page six (6) of this paper.